

# Reading for Enjoyment

## Top tips for parents

### 11 Ways to help you engage your child with reading and maintain progress

1. **GBHS Summer Reading Challenge.** Use our Summer Reading Challenge as an incentive to read over the summer. Credits will be awarded in September to those who take part – a great way to start at your new school.
2. **Get talking.** Talk to your child about their favourite book and your favourite book. What books do you love? What books does your child love? Take an interest in what they are reading and talk to them about it.
3. **Get reading 1!** There are thousands of fantastic books out there to discover and capture their imagination. What do they love to do: football, dancing, gaming? Find a book to go with their interests, perhaps a shared interest.
4. **Get reading 2!** Give your child lots of opportunities to read with YOU.
5. **Get reading 3!** Read to your child even after they can read for themselves.
6. **It's not just books.** Read magazines, newspapers, fact books, manuals, websites.
7. **Be a member.** Encourage your child to visit the school or local library and challenge them to read.
8. **Keep lots of books around.** You can borrow from friends and family or the library, or buy from car boot sales, charity shops, bookshops or online.
9. **Get Advice.** If you're stuck for ideas, ask a librarian or your local book shop for advice. They love to talk about good books and will be happy to help.
10. **Keep updated on social media.** You can follow @gbhs\_library or @Booktrust on twitter to find out more about the best new books, and how you can continue to encourage reading for pleasure at home. Unsure which book to choose? Go to [www.lovereadings.co.uk](http://www.lovereadings.co.uk) for ideas. Other useful websites include [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com) and [www.openingthebook.com](http://www.openingthebook.com)
11. **Improve word skills.** Try playing word games together, Wordament and Spellzone are two online fun activities. Boggle, Scrabble and Bananagrams are games which can help with reading as well as spelling and vocabulary.

